

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. WO-218

Magi No. 2402185704

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common <sup>William Edward</sup>  
Fisher House

**2. Location**

street & number 505 South Main Street    not for publication

city, town Berlin    vicinity of    congressional district 1st

state Maryland    county Worcester

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wm. Edward Fisher, Jr.

street & number 505 South Main Street telephone no.: 641-2128

city, town Berlin    state and zip code MD 21811

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse    liber

street & number Market Street    folio

city, town Snow Hill,    state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town    state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Fisher house is located on the east side of South Main Street, near the end of the residential area. The house stands close to the street on a narrow, deep lot with a garage and two outbuildings behind. The house was constructed in 1922 by the present owner's father.

The 2½-story frame "4 square" house has a pyramidal hip roof with deep overhang and a central chimney. The 2 bay by 2 bay vinyl-sided structure sits atop an ashlar-faced block foundation. The main block of the house is approximately 35' square.

The front or west facade has a centered, hip-roofed dormer with two single-sash windows. The 2-bay, one-story porch has a hip roof supported by three Tuscan-style columns. The entrance is located in the right bay while the left bay is an oversized 1/1 window. Few, if any, decorative elements are discernable.

Windows throughout the house are 1/1, occurring in pairs on the north and south facades near the rear of the structure.

The east or rear elevation has a shed-roofed addition supported by ashlar-faced block piers. This former porch has been partially enclosed and a flat-roofed porch extension added.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1922

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fisher house in its style and placement on its property is typical of early 20th century residential building in Berlin and many small towns. The simplicity of style, characteristic of the "American 4-square" and its solidly built character, are evident although the house is sheathed in synthetic materials.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Berlin Historic District Comm. date August, 1985

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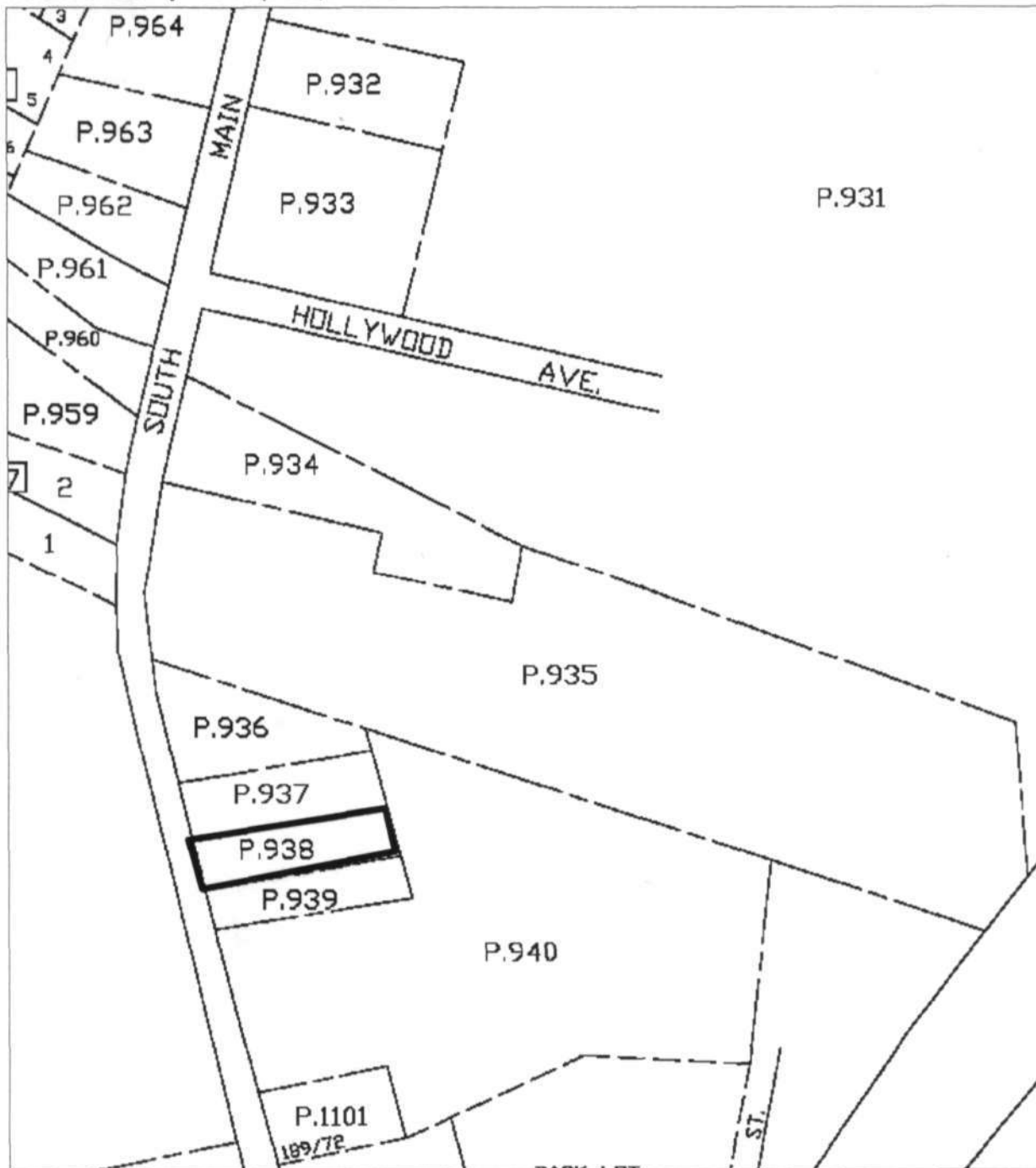
city or town Berlin state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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